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Application for Review of ISP Research with Human Subjects

Complete all questions (complete on separate pages where applicable, and staple to this cover sheet). Submit this document with your ISP proposal and related document to your Academic Directors.

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8. Brief description of the purpose of the study. To understand what policymakers, NGOs, foreign and domestic companies, and entrepreneurs have done to cope with the global crisis. Emphasis placed on stimulus package.
9. Brief description of procedures relating to human subjects' participation:
 - a. How are participants recruited? (Is an inducement offered?) Advisor at UEH will provide contacts and help construct survey for entrepreneurs. Survey will be optional, and no inducement will be offered (subject to change).
 - b. What is the age range of the participants? No required range for entrepreneur survey
 - c. What is the gender breakdown of the participants? N/A
 - d. What are other relevant characteristics of subjects, including (but not limited to) institutional affiliation if any?
 - e. What is the number of participants? TBD

If there is a cooperative institution, how was their permission obtained?

What will subjects be asked to do, and/or what information will be gathered? (Append copies of interview guides, instructions, survey instruments, etc.)

Entrepreneurs will be given a brief (1-2 pages), printed survey aimed at gauging what financial and operational changes they have made since the global crisis began. Personal interviews will be given (using a translator) for certain (and willing) entrepreneurs.

Representatives from NGOs, businesses, or the government will be given personal interviews tailored to the organization's operations.

- f. If subjects are interviewed, who are the interviewers? Myself, with the help of a translator (possibly a student volunteer from UEH)

10. Protection of human subjects. Before completing this section, you must read and agree to comply with both the SIT Study Abroad Statement of Ethics, SIT Human Subjects Policy, and the program's additional Human Subject Research Guidelines.

Have you read and do you agree to comply with the SIT Study Abroad Statement of Ethics, SIT Human Subjects Policy, and the program's additional Human Research Guidelines (attached)?

Yes

Do subjects risk any stress or harm by participating in this research? If so, why is this necessary? How will these issues be addressed? What safeguards will minimize the risks?

There are no foreseen risks to participating in the research. Entrepreneurs and representatives of any organization will be fully knowledgeable of the intent of the research and details concerning presentation and publication.

How will you explain the research to subjects and obtain their informed consent to participate? (It is essential to allow participants to ask questions at any point)

The translator or myself will explain the research to personal interviewees, and a sheet explaining the research will be attached to the printed survey.

Informed Consent Form if applicable.

Subjects and participants will be asked for a signature of consent or verbal consent before any interviews. The request of consent will include a statement of the purpose and nature of the study.

If subjects are minors or not competent to provide consent, how will it be obtained?

I do not foresee interviewing minors for this research.

- a. How will subjects be informed that they can refuse to participate in aspects of the study or may terminate participation whenever they please?

At the onset of the interview or study, the interpreter will be asked to inform the subject(s) of their right to refuse or discontinue participation.

If subjects are students or clients, how will you protect them from feeling coerced due to the (if only perceived) power differential?

- b. How might participation in this study benefit subjects?

This study aims to better understand the mechanisms that have slowed down the hitherto rapid improvement in standard of living for so many Vietnamese. If the subjects gain a better understanding as well, my hope is that they can cope with the slowdown better.

- c. Will participants receive a summary of results or other educational material?

Yes. Participants will be offered a copy of the study's final product upon request. I will also make myself available to be contacted and questioned any time in the future.

11. How will the following be protected?

- a. Privacy (protecting information about participants): Refers to an individual and their investment in controlling access to information about themselves.)

Subjects will be informed that they don't have to answer what they don't wish to answer.

- b. Anonymity (protecting names and other unique identifiers of participants):

Names should not be attached to the data, unless subject chooses to be identified.

- c. Confidentiality (protecting data about participants): How is access to data limited?

Consider how coding will be kept separate from information obtained; how data will be stored and when will it be destroyed; whether data will be used in the future and, if so, how permission for further use will be obtained?

Data will not include names unless participants request to be named. Data will not be used by anyone other than the researcher (me). Data will be kept within the confines of the ISP paper, presentation, and discussions of each. If data is desired for further use in the future, the Academic Director will be contacted for consultation, followed by consultation with other appropriate people.

12. Are there any other details or procedures of the study that should be known by the ISP Program local Review Board, and if so, discuss.

By signing below I certify that all of the above information (and that attached) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I agree to fully comply with all of the program's ethical guidelines as noted above and as presented in the program and/or discussed elsewhere in program materials. I further acknowledge that I will not engage in ISP activities until such a time that both my ISP proposal as well as my Human Subjects Research application are successful and I have been notified by my Academic Directors to this effect.

Student's name (printed)

Becky Price

Student's name (signature)

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